

# OPERATION WIPE OUT

*cervical  
cancer*  
ALABAMA

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER IN ALABAMA?

It takes **3 steps**:

1



### HPV VACCINE

Give the HPV  
vaccination to  
children and  
young adults  
aged 9-26

2



### SCREENING

Get regular  
HPV/Pap test to  
screen for  
cervical cancer  
beginning at  
age 21

3



### FOLLOW-UP/ TREATMENT

If your HPV/Pap  
test is abnormal,  
go back to your  
doctor/health  
care provider for  
a follow-up  
appointment

WE CAN END CERVICAL  
CANCER IN OUR LIFETIME



# I am a Dentist

## What Can I Do To Wipe Out Cervical Cancer In Alabama?

Initiate a discussion with parents regarding the benefits of the **HPV vaccination in preventing cervical cancer** as well as head and neck cancers



**Refer patients** to a primary care provider or county health department for HPV vaccination



**Encourage** moms, dads, and legal guardians to talk to their doctor about their children (boys and girls aged **9 - 18**) getting the HPV vaccination. If they do not have health insurance, **Vaccines for Children (VFC)** provides **free HPV vaccine** for children and adolescents **9 - 18** years of age



**Encourage** young adults (aged **19 - 26**) to get the HPV vaccine

**Conduct** visual oral cancer screening during routine dental exams\*



**Display** educational flyers on websites and bulletin boards, in restroom facilities, breakrooms, and other appropriate locations;

**Distribute** HPV vaccination materials to patients and families\*\*

**Place promotional materials** into dental goodie bags



**Advocate** for oral health care providers to have authorization to administer the **HPV vaccination** in their practices



Join **OPERATION WIPE OUT** and become an advocate

<https://operationwipeout.org/>

\*<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth/oral-cancer.html>

\*\*<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cancer/cervical.html>